

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

The examiner in his office action of October 23, 2006 indicated the subject matter of dependent claims 4, 6 and 11 as being allowable. Applicant by the instant amendment has rewritten indicated allowable dependent claim 4 in independent form as amended independent claim 1. Indicated allowable dependent claim 6 has been written in independent form as new independent claim 17. Indicated allowable dependent claim 11 has been written in independent form as new independent claim 18. Dependent claim 2 has been cancelled and the remaining depending claims 3-16 depend either directly or indirectly from one or more of independent claims 1, 17 and 18. In light of the foregoing amendments, all of the claims as pending are now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

A check in the amount of \$405.00 for the extra and multiple dependent claim fees is enclosed herewith.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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